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TITLE: Characterization of the StcE protease activity of Escherichia coli O157:H7.  
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AB The StcE zinc metalloprotease is secreted by enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli (EHEC) O157:H7 and contributes to intimate adherence of this bacterium to host cells, a process essential for mammalian colonization. StcE has also been shown to localize the inflammatory regulator C1 esterase inhibitor (C1-INH) to cell membranes. We tried to more fully characterize StcE activity to better understand its role in EHEC pathogenesis. StcE was active at pH 6.1 to 9.0, in the presence of NaCl concentrations ranging from 0 to 600 mM, and at 4 degrees C to 55 degrees C. Interestingly, antisera against StcE or C1-INH did not eliminate StcE cleavage of C1-INH. Treatment of StcE with the proteases trypsin,

chymotrypsin, human neutrophil elastase, and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* elastase did not eliminate StcE activity against C1-INH. After StcE was kept at 23 degrees C for 65 days, it exhibited full proteolytic activity, and it retained 30% of its original activity after incubation for 8 days at 37 degrees C. Together, these results show the StcE protease is a stable enzyme that is probably active in the environment of the colon. Additionally,  $k(cat)/K(m)$  data showed that StcE proteolytic activity was 2.5-fold more efficient with the secreted mucin MUC7 than with the complement regulator C1-INH. This evidence supports a model which includes two roles for StcE during infection, in which StcE acts first as a mucinase and then as an anti-inflammatory agent by localizing C1-INH to cell membranes.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005100592 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 15731026  
TITLE: The StcE protease contributes to intimate adherence of enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 to host cells.  
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AB Enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC) O157:H7 is a diarrheal pathogen that causes attaching and effacing (A/E) lesions on intestinal epithelial cells. Strains of the O157 serogroup carry the large virulence plasmid pO157, which encodes the etp type II secretion system that secretes the genetically linked zinc metalloprotease StcE. The Ler regulator controls expression of many genes involved in A/E lesion formation, as well as StcE, suggesting StcE may be important at a similar time during colonization. Our laboratory has previously demonstrated that StcE cleaves C1-esterase inhibitor, a regulator of multiple inflammation pathways. Here we report two new substrates for StcE, mucin 7 and glycoprotein 340, and that purified StcE reduces the viscosity of human saliva. We tested the hypothesis that StcE contributes to intimate adherence of EHEC to host cells by cleavage of glycoproteins from the cell surface. The fluorescent actin stain (FAS) test was used to observe the intimate adherence represented by fluorescently stained bacteria colocalized with regions of bundled actin formed on HEp-2 cells. An *E. coli* O157:H7 strain with a stcE gene deletion was not affected in its ability to generally adhere to HEp-2 cells, but it did score threefold lower on the FAS test than wild-type or complemented strains. Addition of exogenous recombinant StcE increased intimate adherence of the mutant to wild-type levels. Thus, StcE may help block host clearance of *E. coli* O157:H7 by destruction of some classes of glycoproteins, and it contributes to intimate adherence of *E. coli* O157:H7 to the HEp-2 cell surface.

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TITLE: StcE, a metalloprotease secreted by Escherichia coli O157:H7, specifically cleaves C1 esterase inhibitor.  
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**AB** Escherichia coli O157:H7 causes diarrhoea, haemorrhagic colitis, and the haemolytic uraemic syndrome. We have identified a protein of previously unknown function encoded on the pO157 virulence plasmid of E. coli O157:H7, which is the first described protease that specifically cleaves C1 esterase inhibitor (C1-INH), a member of the serine protease inhibitor family. The protein, named StcE for secreted protease of C1 esterase inhibitor from EHEC (formerly Tagn), cleaves C1-INH to produce (unique) approximately 60-65 kDa fragments. StcE does not digest other serine protease inhibitors, extracellular matrix proteins or universal protease targets. We also observed that StcE causes the aggregation of cultured human T cells but not macrophage-like cells or B cells. Substitution of aspartic acid for glutamic acid at StcE position 435 within the consensus metalloprotease active site ablates its abilities to digest C1-INH and to aggregate T cells. StcE is secreted by the etp type II secretion pathway encoded on pO157, and extracellular StcE levels are positively regulated by the LEE-encoded regulator, Ler. StcE antigen and activity were detected in the faeces of a child with an E. coli O157:H7 infection, demonstrating the expression of StcE during human disease. Cleavage of C1-INH by StcE could plausibly cause localized pro-inflammatory and coagulation responses resulting in tissue damage, intestinal oedema and thrombotic abnormalities.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:1019513 HCPLUS  
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 TITLE: E. coli O157:H7 C1-esterase inhibitor-binding protein StcE and its antibodies in diagnosing and treating enterohemorrhagic E. coli infection  
 INVENTOR(S): Welch, Rodney A.; Lathem, Wyndham W.; Grys, Thomas E.  
 PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, USA  
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**AB** Disclosed is a pO157 plasmid-specified polypeptide encoded by gene StcE found in *E. coli* EDL933 and other *E. coli* that binds to and cleaves C1-esterase inhibitor (C1-INH), and antibodies specific for the polypeptide. StcE protein contains a zinc metalloprotease active site. StcE is able to cleave both purified and serum-assocd. C1 inhibitor and inhibit classical complement-mediated erythrocyte lysis by potentiating C1-INH-mediated inhibition of classical complement. Mutagenesis confirms that glutamic acid 435 is necessary for both binding and cleavage of C1 inhibitor. Also disclosed are methods employing the polypeptide for diagnosing enterohemorrhagic *E. coli* infection, identifying potential inhibitors of its activity, and reducing viscosity of material contg. glycosylated polypeptides.

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TITLE: Novel purified antibody that binds specifically to C1-esterase of StcE producing bacteria e.g. enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 strain, useful for treating infection caused by enterohemorrhagic *Escherichia coli* O157:H7;

StcE protein-specific antibody and C1-esterase vaccine for C1-esterase-inhibitor and bacterium epithelium cell colonization reduction

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**AB** DERWENT ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A purified antibody (I) that binds specifically to a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues at position 24-886 of a fully defined 886 amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 2) sequences given in the specification, is new.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1) a composition (II) comprising a purified polypeptide comprising at least 25 consecutive amino acid residues of SEQ ID No: 2 and an adjuvant; (2) reducing (M1) complement-mediated disruption of cells, involves contacting the cells with a purified polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 24-886 of SEQ ID No: 2 or a fully defined 886 amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 19) sequences given in the specification (StcE E435D), to reduce complement-mediated disruption relative to that of cells not contacted with the purified polypeptide; (3) reducing (M2) the viscosity of a material comprising a mucin or a glycosylated polypeptide, involves contacting the material with a viscosity reducing effective amount of StcE; (4) a composition (III) for enhancing

delivery of a target antigen to mucosal cells, comprising the target antigen and StcE; (5) detecting StcE activity, involves contacting a sample containing or suspected of containing StcE with C1-INH under suitable conditions to allow cleavage of C1-INH by StcE, if present, and detecting C1-INH cleavage; and (6) evaluating a test substance for the ability to inhibit StcE, involves contacting C1-INH with the test substance and StcE, detecting the extent of cleavage of C1-INH, and comparing the extent of cleavage with that of C1-INH contacted with StcE in the absence of the test substance.

BIOTECHNOLOGY - Preferred Composition: In (II), the polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 24-886 of SEQ ID No: 2. Preferred Method: (M1) further involves contacting the cells with exogenous C1-INH. In (M2), the material is saliva or sputum.

ACTIVITY - Antibacterial; Antidiarrheic; Hemostatic; Antiinflammatory; Gastrointestinal-Gen. No supporting data is given.

MECHANISM OF ACTION - C1-esterase inhibitor.

USE - (I) is useful for reducing colonization of epithelial cells by StcE producing bacteria, which involves contacting the epithelial cells with (I) or an inhibitor of StcE. (I) is useful for detecting StcE in a sample, which involves contacting (I) with the sample and detecting binding of the antibody. (II) is useful for eliciting an immune response in an animal, which involves inoculating the animal with (II), to elicit an immune response. (III) is useful for eliciting in an animal an immune response to a target antigen, by contacting (III) the mucosal cells of the animal (all claimed). (I) is useful for treating enterohemorrhagic Escherichia coli O157:H7 infection, that cause diarrheal disease, hemorrhagic colitis, and haemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS).

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